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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR KUBISCH'S ARRIVAL

1. SUMMARY. NEWSPAPERS SEPT 19 HERALDED AMBASSADOR KUBISCH'S ARRIVAL WITH PHOTOGRAPH AND SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH. PRESS FOLLOWING DAY COVERED PROMINENTLY WELCOMING AT ATHENS AIRPORT AND AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT. NATIONAL RADIO/TV COVERED AMB. AND MRS. KUBISCH'S ARRIVAL. COMMENTARY FOR MOST PART FAVORABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. ATHENS MORNING DAILIES SEPT 19 CARRIED NEWS ITEMS THAT AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KUBISCH EXPECTED TO ARRIVE 1430 SAME DAY AND INCLUDED PHOTO AND BIOGRAPHY. ELEFTHEROS COSMOS IN OPINION COLUM REMARKED THAT ALL GREEKS WHO THINK RATIONALLY VIEW AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL WITH EXPECTATION. IT DESCRIBED US/GREEK RELATIONS AS HAVING DETERIORATED BUT ADDED "GREECE REMEMBERS GREAT DEBT FROM US EFFORTS IN PAST." RADIO/TV EVENING SEPT 19 REPORTED PROMINENTLY AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL WITH MAJOR TV NEWS COVERED SHOWING ABOUT ONE MINUTE OF ACTUAL ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT AIRPORT.

3. PRESS SEPT 20 FOLLOWED UP AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL.
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TO VIMA CARRIED CAPTION "AMERCA WILL SUPPORT DEMOCRACY

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IN GREECE WITH ALL OF ITS POWERS". ELEFTHEROS COSMOS
PRINTED ENTIRE ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND PHOTOGRAPH. KATHIMERINI
FRONTPAGED STORY WITH PICTURE AF AMB. AND MRS. KUBISCH
AND HEADLINE "MR. TASCA'S REPLACEMENT DECLARED HE WILL
STRENGTHEN GREEK-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP". SAME NEWSPAPER
EDITORIALIZED THAT WHILE IT IS NOT ENCOURAGING THAT
MR. KUBISCH WAS ADVISOR ON SECURITY AFFAIRS FOR
LATIN AMERICA DURING CHILE EVENTS, MAJOR FAVORABLE POINT
IS AMBASSADOR'S SERVICE IN PARIS 1949-50 AS AN
ASSISTANT TO AMB. HARRIMAN. KATHIMERINI ADDED THAT
MR. KUBISCH SHOULD RECALL THAT IT IS NOT EASY FOR
GREEK TO BECOME ANTI-AMERICAN DESPITE SUPPORT US
OFFERED TO JUNTA, ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND US BASES
IN GREECE AND PRO-TURKISH POLICY. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED
"THESE IS MNO COUNTRY IN WOLD WHICH COULD BE MORE
CLOSELY CONNECTED TO US....LET MR. KUBISH REPRESENT
THE GOOD OLD FRIENDLY US AND HE WILL BE SURE TO
FIND A WARM AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM THE GREEKS."

4. AFTERNOON PRESS SEPT 20 ALSO FRONTPAGED
AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL. "WE SHALL SUPPORT DEMOCRACY
WITH ALL OUR POWERS", TA NEA), "NEW AMBASSADOR PROMISES
CHANGE", (APOYEVMATINI), AND "WE SHALL SUPPORT YOUR
DEMOCRACY", WITH SUBTITLE "SEEING IT IS BELIEVING IT"
(VRADYNI), ESTIA'S COMMENTARY POINTED OUT AMB.
KUBISCH HAD DIFFICULT TASK AHEAD GIVEN US BETRAYAL
OF TRADITIONAL GREEK FRIENDSHIP. ONLY AVGHI (LEFT) CARRIED
NEGATIVE EDITORIAL COMMENTING THAT AMB KUBISHC IS
ALLEGED MEMBER OF MUTAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY WITH
DR. KISSINGER, WAS INVOLVED IN LATIN AMERICA AFFAIRS
WHEN CHILE ACTION WAS BEING PREPARED AND IN SAME
MANNER CONTRIBUTED DURING PERIOD 1963-65 IN BRAZIL TO
ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF UGG AND ESTABLISHMENT OF
DICTATORSHIP. AVGHI CHARGED THIS WOULD ALSO BE
AMB. KUBISCH'S ROLE IN GREECE.
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